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Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- ☒ Print EFS Data Sheet
  - 15 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
  - 32 Numbered Claims Calculated as 32 Claims for Fee Purposes
  - 9 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 17.
  - ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (UNSIGNED)
  - ☒ Priority is Claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119:
- Convention Dates January 27, 2000 and January 27, 2000 for U.S. Provisional Appln. Nos. 60/178,511 and 60/178,513.
- ☒ Small Entity Status is claimed.
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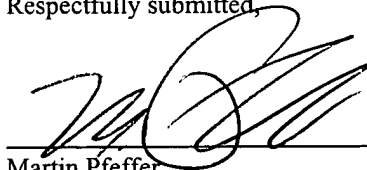
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